

November 20

Dear Mom and Dad,

We will forego one payment in December, but please don't send a Christmas present as the money is more than you should do. Thank you, and I will get you and Mary a little something ^{from} Russia. We are getting excited about the trip. Soon we have to get some warm clothes because we leave a month from tomorrow! Thanks for sending the guide book - it does have lots of good information for our trip. I see in there that the temperatures in Russia are just like those in Minneapolis at that time of year. So, it will be cold but hopefully not unbearable.

Our weather has been quite warm but turned colder today and should be cold all week. We are going over to some friends for Thanksgiving - there will be twelve there and everyone is bringing something.

I have joined a carpool now and stopped riding the bus. It is nice to get up a little after six rather than five-thirty! We have been busy lately. Last weekend we went up to Washington to a Greek restaurant that features a belly dancer! Oh, another thing - a friend got a deer last week and is giving us some venison which will be a treat. Have a nice Thanksgiving!

Jim
